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DEPARTMENT FOR ARA AND PM

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS
SUBJECT: ORGANIZATIONS TO PERFORM SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS

REF: STATE 087395

1. PARA 3 REFTTEL STATES INTENTION OF DEPT AND DOD PROPOSE DESIGNATE
EXITING ODC'S IN USSOUTHCOM AREA AS MILGPS. THIS WOULD
NOT BE ADVISABLE FOR COSTA RICA.

2. MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND COSTA
RICA, WHICH WAS BASIS FOR PRESENCE OF MILGP IN THIS
COUNTRY, EXPIRED IN DECEMBER, 1975. PRIOR TO ITS
EXPIRATION, GOCR HAD REQUESTED THAT IT BE MODIFIED AND
THEN EXTENDED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES. USG NEVER REPLIED
DIRECTLY TO GOCR REQUEST.

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3. IN NOTE TO GOCR IN NOV, 1976, EMBASSY ADVISED
GOCR THAT MURLGP HAD BEEN TERMINATED AND THAT ITS
CURRENT MEMBERS HAD BEEN ASSIGNED DIRECTLY TO
EFMBASSY STAFF. BY REFERRING IN THAT NOTE TO DISCUSSIONS
HELD IN 1975 RE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF MILITARY
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, WE ALSO GAVE NOTICE THAT AGREE-
MENT COULD NOT BE EXTENDED AS REQUESTED.

4. IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT MILGP NOW COULD ONLY BE RE-CREATED WITH LEGAL BASIS IF A NEW MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WERE TO BE SIGNED. A NEW AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL. SINCE GOCR OBJECTIVE IN PROPOSING EXTENSION OF MODIFIED AGREEMENT AS OPPOSED TO SIGNING A NEW AGREEMENT WAS TO AVOID CONTROVERSIAL DEBATE WITHIN ANTI-MILITARY ASSEMBLY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT GOCR WILL NOW FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT.

5. WHILE FROM EMBASSY VIEWPOINT THERE WAS NO COMPELLING REASON TO TERMINATE MILGP WHEN WE DID, NOW THAT MILGP HAS BEEN TERMINATED, OR CONVERTED TO ODC, WE SEE NO COMPELLING REASON TO RE-INSTITUTE IE. PRESUMABLY THE LIMITED SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN THIS COUNTRY COULD BE HANDLED BY ODC AS WELL AS BY A MILGP. AND BY MAINTAINING ODC AS PART OF EMBASSY STAFF, WE CAN AVOID SIGNING OF NEW MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND THE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY THAT WOULD BE AROUSED BY ASSEMBLY AND PRESS DISCUSSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

6. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS IN BOTH U.S. AND COSTA RICAN INTEREST TO MAINTAIN SYMBOLIC U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN COSTA RICA AND TO CONTINUE SMALL FMS PROGRAM. TO DO SO EFFECTIVELY, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN VERY LOW U.S. MILITARY PROFILE HERE. THAT CAN BEST BE DONE BY MAINTAINING ODC AS INTEGRAL PART OF EMBASSY STAFF.

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